

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be entered and the application be examined on the merits. It is believed that no new matter has been added by these Amendments. With these Amendments, claims 7, 9, 11, 13 and 16 remain pending in the case.

Should any questions arise, or if Applicants or Applicants' attorney can facilitate in the examination of this case, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas P. McBride', written over a horizontal line.

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